



3d Intelligence Battalion Commanding Officer's Policy on Domestic Violence



Our lives are challenged daily by the stresses of work and the stresses related to family and life outside of the military. Our individual coping methods and resilience enable us to navigate through life's challenges. Furthermore, the positive actions of our leaders through engagement and personal commitment will reinforce healthy coping methods to deal with stress and prevent abusive behavior, misconduct, and domestic violence. Domestic violence will not be tolerated within 3d Intelligence Bn. Domestic violence is a form of abusive behavior that is counter to the values of our Marine Corps.

Our 3d Intelligence Bn family will actively prevent and appropriately respond to domestic violence, with the intent to protect those involved and seek more healthy behaviors for positive long-term benefit.

- We will **EDUCATE** our Marines, Sailors, Civilians, and their families to recognize family related and work-related stress and develop healthy techniques to cope with this stress. Education comes in the form of instruction for Marines, Sailors, and Civilians, as well as opportunities and resources for our families through Marine Corps Family Team Building, such as Family Advocacy Program Prevention & Education; call DSN: 645-2915 or email: fapprevention@okinawa.usmc-mccs.org for more information. The intent is to prevent abusive behavior and misconduct in our homes.
- We will act together to **PREVENT** domestic violence. Prevention includes the admission of compounding stress by a Marine, Sailor, or Civilian, the request for counseling or education to develop healthy coping techniques, and engaged leadership to identify those in our family who may be suffering from stress. For those who admit they need help dealing with stress, we will foster an environment of support and work to provide assistance. Often, our human nature is to try and solve our own problems and not ask for help. This sometimes becomes an obstacle to asking for help, until it is too late. Prevention is much healthier than responding to an act of domestic violence.
- We will **RESPOND** to domestic violence promptly and with professionalism. When domestic violence occurs within our unit, we will ensure that Marines, Sailors, Civilians, and their families are protected from further physical, sexual, and emotional abuse. Protection from further abuse comes first. Then we will work to provide appropriate counseling and legal or administrative response. Our response will point toward an endstate of good health and welfare for our entire 3d Intelligence Bn team – Marines, Sailors, Civilians, and their families.

The Marine Corps does not tolerate abusive behavior, to include domestic violence. We must know ourselves, and we must know our Marines, Sailors, Civilians, and their families. We must act to take a stand, preferably in the form of intervention with the intent for prevention. This requires confidence and integrity, both of which I know that you have. I expect all of us to be professionals at all times. Take care of each other. Do the right thing.

Semper Fidelis,

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